

Fairs - 1913

White Plains Fair a Success

MANY ATTEND FOUR-COUNTY FAIR AT SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL

The Savannah Exhibits of Much Higher Order Than Last Year—Luty Skrine Wins Boys' Corn Club Prize—Visitors Much Pleased with Exhibits.

11-29-13

The second coming together, November 20th and 21st, of the Negro business men, farmers, teachers, ministers and school children at the Springfield Farm School, White Plains, Ga., in the annual four county fair, was a very enjoyable and profitable affair.

The four counties that are mostly interested in this annual show are Hancock, Warren, Taliaferro and Greene, but at the last coming together there were visitors from many other counties, some coming from as distant points as Savannah and Atlanta.

The exhibits were of a much higher order this year than last and also greater in number. Almost all the towns and villages of these counties had exhibits and about 100 premiums were awarded.

Among the particularly interesting features of the fair was the baby show. Many fine babies were exhibited and much rivalry was shown by the mothers in showing their babies to the best advantage.

The woman's department under Mrs. J. W. Hubert was especially brilliant and received much favorable comment from the visitors.

In the boys' corn club contest, first prize was awarded to Luty Skrine, who reported the largest yield, 72.2 bushels to the acre.

BULLOCK COUNTY NEGROES OPEN FAIR OF THEIR OWN

White People of Union Springs and Vicinity Lend Assistance to Make It a Success

Advertiser 11-8-13

SPECIAL TO THE ADVERTISER.
UNION SPRINGS, ALA., Nov. 7.—The Bullock County negro fair threw open its gates this morning. This fair is under the management of negroes living in this county and they are receiving much praise for the creditable showing which they have made.

The moment the gates were opened this morning the whistles from the various factories sent out a long continuous blast. The parade started at the head of the principal business street, passing down the main business section of the city headed by a local colored brass band. Then came several wagons which were home-made. Several wagons and buggies were decorated in various home-raised products and made a very fine showing.

The negroes have received the cooperation of the merchants and business men of this city. A local newspaper recently published a special eight-page fair edition and each merchant showed his willingness towards giving space to this edition. The County Commissioners contributed a sum of money to be used as premiums. The fair grounds were turned over to them without rental, and the city contributed lights and water without expense.

All this goes to show that the white people were in sympathy with their movement and lent encouragement to them in every way possible. At the grounds this morning several speeches were made, among them being Mayor W. C. Thompson, Hon. S. P. Rainer, Dr. J. L. Bowman, A. F. Smith and H. S. Caldwell.

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COLORED TRI-STATE FAIR

The Tri-State Fair given by the colored people of this section of the country has proven a great success, as was to have been expected, for two potent reasons. One of these is that the colored people throughout this section are thrifty and industrious, and are showing remarkable progress along all lines of development. Another reason is that the Tri-State Fair is being held in Memphis, where everything is encouraged that is worthy, and where success is always assured. It is most commendable in the colored people to hold these fairs, and to show to the world what they are doing, to be derived from these expositions is that which comes from showing to themselves, and each other, what is being done and what can be done. What one person can do another can do usually, and when the ability and capacity to do a thing is made manifest by showing that it has been done, and how it was done others will not hesitate to attempt a similar enterprise. The pioneers in all lines of activity are educators, who educate themselves as well as others, and there is no better or more effective form of education than in the display of accomplished facts, and the giving of material objectivity to dreams, aspirations and efforts. What has been accomplished this year is only a beginning and an earnest of what will be done in the years to come. Our colored fellow-citizens should feel encouraged. They have done well, and they can do and will do more and better in the future.—The News Scimitar.

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THE NEWS FROM UNION

Colored Fair. The Agricultural and Mechanical Fair Association of Lexington was organized in 1869. The forty-fourth annual meeting will be held in the beautiful grounds of the K. T. H. B. A. September 9th, 10th, 11, 12th and 13th. This regular annual festival, occurring the second week in September, after years of repetition, has come to be regarded as a fixture in the general make-up of annual events that mark the years in Lexington. The success of this splendid organization is remarkable, and all the more so when it is taken into consideration that those who are now identified with its management were largely the original organizers, having been identified with its growth from what evidently must have been a crude beginning, being just four years after emancipation. The original value of a share of stock in this corporation was \$10; two years ago three shares sold at auction by the Master Commissioner of Fayette county, were knocked down at \$365.

The name of this fair implies an association of farmers and mechanics. The original purpose was indeed to foster and encourage the spirit of industry in both fields of agriculture and mechanics. Later on they have added and grown to include the speed ring, show of live stock, fancy and domestic sewing, and cooking, high art and the educational department, vaudeville and amusements, thrilling acrobatic stunts and aerialights. It is claimed that the fair is now as near up-to-date in every particular as the measure of success have warranted.

The catalogues showing the amount of premiums offered for each exhibit, the rules, etc., are in the hands of the secretary, A. L. Hardin, 133 North Mill street, for free distribution. Call on him for rights or privileges or any desired information.

Savannah Exhibits.

The Savannah exhibit this year at the Colored State Fair was among the best to be found in the great art building. The exhibits were gotten up by Mrs. C. E. Curley, who is deserving of great credit for the excellence of the collection as well as for the large number of individual exhibitors. Among the exhibitors were Miss Sarah C. Duncan, who won, over the entire state, highest premium for fancy work and Mrs. I. D. Williams, who received the highest

premiums for lace and drawn work. The Gareys Variety Bakery sent up the largest loaf of bread that has ever been baked in the State of Georgia. Mr. Garey received many handsome compliments by the people of the state, both white and colored, for the enterprise shown in getting up his exhibit. Prominent also among the exhibits from Savannah was the exhibit from Mrs. Curley's class in fancy work, consisting of the following little girls with the work which they sent up: Justine Aiken, towel bag; Marion Bryant, scarf; Josephine Blake, bag; Irma S. Curley, pillow top; Amanda Curley, handbag, pillow top; Agatha Curley, centerpiece; Rebecca Curley, lunch bag; Ruthie Giles, doily; Louise Miller, work bag; Iona Green, pillow top; Doris Hernandez, centerpiece, shirtwaist front; Johnnie Slocum, bureau scarf; Eliza Redd, work bag; Velma Horne, towel. This exhibit attracted unusual attention and when it was told that the little girls had been receiving instructions for not more than two months the visitors were loud in their praises. On the whole the Savannah exhibit was very good indeed and Mrs. Curley hopes to make it even better next year.

Come Home

TO THE GREAT COLORED FAIR

AT NEW BERN, N.C.

NOVEMBER 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1913

Colonel JAS. R. GILLESPIE, Secy. Eastern Carolina Colored Fair Association Co. sept. 24

The Batesburg Fair.

The Batesburg Fair begins November 11th. Rev. T. M. M. Boykin, is president. Rev. W. T. Kenner, superintendent, W. S. treasurer. The colored citizens in Aiken, Saluda, Edgefield and Lexington counties should attend this fair in full force. Come to Batesburg, November 11th.

The Messenger

The Second Annual Colored Fair of Tallapoosa County will be held at New Adka the 5th, 6th and 7th of November. 10-3-13

NOTES ON THE
FAIR

October 27, 1913.

While we all rightfully rejoice at the splendid success of the Macon County Fair, I feel sure that every real progressive exhibitor and visitor went away with this one determination, to make the fair next fall eclipse all previous efforts combined.

Now, how can we do this? First, by every farmer who did not make an exhibit this year to decide now to do so next, and also to influence his neighbor who did not attend this year to not only come next, but to put something on exhibition, no difference how small or how insignificant it may seem to you.

I have in mind a case of the above kind, a farmer not far from the fair grounds, had a small patch of cotton, that was very fine; he could not be persuaded to come himself or to allow any of his cotton to be put on exhibition. There was no cotton shown that approached it in excellence. He not only missed a premium, but his cotton failed to educate the great mass of people who were there seeking such information.

Second, to those who made exhibits I wish to make the following suggestions: Upon the whole the exhibits were good and every exhibitor deserves credit, but in awarding the premiums the judges found that many of the collections lacked in the following points:

1. Peas badly mixed, red, black, speckled, clay, white and all varieties together, they should have been assorted and every variety shown separately.

2. What has been said about the peas applies to the corn. It was difficult to find an exhibit of corn that did not contain several varieties, all mixed together. In some exhibits there were freak ears which should not have been put with the choice corn. It is all right to show them as a curiosity but show them separately.

3. Some exhibits were not classified, but several grades all mixed together, for example, three distinct grades of tobacco were all tied together. A number of instances of this kind could be cited.

4. Not enough hay crops were shown. Of all of our splendid native grasses only a few bundles of crab grass could be found and as a rule

they looked as though they had been brought to fill space only, or to chin up cracks to keep other things from jostling about.

5. As a rule the labeling was exceedingly poor, often written with a lead pencil and in an illegible hand, aside from this, they were simply orn from any kind of blank paper, asted or stuck on crooked, and sometimes the contents of the jar belied the label, as I saw a fig label on pears and a pear label on figs, etc.

6. Often the exhibits were poorly arranged. The arrangement has much to do with the beauty of an exhibit. Time should be taken before coming to the fair, and the exhibit arranged just as you want it, studying ways by which it could be improved, so that when you get there all you have to do is to place it and put the fancy touches on.

NEGRO FAIR OPENS.

10-18-13
Special to The Advertiser.
ATHENS, ALA., Oct. 17.—The fourth annual negro fair for Limestone county began here this morning and gives promise of being one of the best in the history of the association. It is managed entirely by colored men, and has done a great deal for the colored farmers of this county. The display of stock and agricultural products and the floral hall is attractive. They have a fine band and a number of small attractions. The fair continues three days.

NEGRO FAIR ATTRACTIVE.

10-18-13
Special to The Advertiser.
TUSCUMBIA, ALA., Oct. 17.—The colored people of Colbert county are holding their annual county fair at the grounds of the white fair association, beginning today and continuing three days, in Tuscumbia. The agricultural and farm and garden exhibits indicate that the negroes of the county are giving attention to improved methods, and are making progress along with the white farmers. The same is true of the exhibits of hogs, cattle, poultry, etc.

Brownsville No. 2 had the finest community fair October 17-18 that has been held in the community in Macon County this year. You'll find an exceptionally intelligent set of trustees and patrons in this community. They agree.

Houston Colored Fair Closes

Fort Valley, Ga., Nov. 4.—The first colored fair of Houston county, which was held under the direction of the Fort Valley High and Industrial School and James A. Booker, farm demonstration agent of the United States government, has just been concluded. It has been decided to hold a like fair annually and forward the displays to the Colored State Fair for exhibition there.

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HOLD CREDITABLE FAIR
AT TUSCUMBIA, ALA.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE. 10-30-13

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GO TO THE LANCASTER FAIR

To The Rock Hill Messenger. *10-18-13*
Rock Hill, S. C., Sept 22, 1913.

The Colored farmers of Lancaster county are preparing to have a grand County Agricultural fair October 29, 30, and 31. One day will be county corn show, the second day will be the exhibit of the colored schools of the town and county, and the third day will be the women's exhibit and the finest dressed babies' day. The farmers day will be the first day when horses, cows, chickens and other other farming products will be on hand for prizes. Good prizes will be given for all fine arts and whatever else put on exhibition by colored people. The best teams, single and double owned and driven by colored people.

Come one, come all, and see what Lancaster county is doing for race uplift and general progress. Several bands will contest for the prize, for the best uniform and the most choice music. The Editor can come.

M. D. LEE,
Pres., & General Manager,
ENDERSON, KY.

CITIZENS TO HOLD
FALL FAIR.

Henderson, Ky., August 29.—Early in the fall the race citizens of Henderson will hold a five days' fair which they promise will be the best ever held in the western part of the state. There will be a large floral exhibit, also one of the fruits, wine, jellies, preserves, home-made bread, candies, etc. The management has already begun to widely advertise the fact that there will be no immoral shows or gambling dens on the inside of the fair. Dr. Ross S. Barrett, O. D., of Madison, Ky., is the field agent.

Every one who knows this worthy gentleman know of his ability to boost

THIRD ANNUAL NEGRO TRI-

STATE FAIR WILL BE
HELD.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 25.—The third annual Negro Tri-State Fair will open at the Tri-State Fair Ground October 2 and close October 4. The managers of the fair declare that it will surpass any previous fairs conducted here by Negroes. *The Mosaic*.

The opening day will be Arkansas Day, the second day will be Mississippi Day. Special features will be provided for each of the designated days. Well known Negro speakers will be heard.

Oct 4-13
The Negro schools in the city will be closed on Tennessee Day that the children may attend. On that day the baby show will be held.

The entertainment program will be varied and will include horse racing, fireworks, minstrels and band concerts by three bands will send forth harmony on the autumn air. A complete midway will be installed. Exhibits showing the work of the Negroes of the three States along medical, industrial and agricultural lines will be shown. The woodworking and domestic science departments will

domestic science departments will give special illustrated lectures throughout the day by proficient teachers of the race. Blooded horses owned by Negroes of the Tri-State territory have been entered for the racing card and the purses hung up will be generally desirable.

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MACON COUNTY FAIR

Tuskegee messenger
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Decoration

The colored department was beautified overhead with pine needles and the artistic display of corn, oats, oat hay, and potatoes made in the rear of the department by the demonstrators, and the flowers found in many of the booths added much to the life of the department.

Exhibits

A feature that added to the fair was the exhibition of native clays and paintings of desks, stands, dressers, and tables with the clays. This paint is made by the exhibitor, Prof. G. W. Carver. This booth was tastefully decorated with paper and pine needles. Constantly Prof. Carver was called upon to make explanations of his work, especially the paint made from native clays.

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Poultry and Live Stock

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Demonstrations of cooking, laundering, sewing, mattressmaking, and dairying were made daily during the fair. Many points were gained by those interested in these lines of work.

Ladies' Booths

The arrangement of this booth and the beautiful drawn and needle work by Mesdames Rachel Burney, Josephine Burney, Evelena Harris, Katie Perry, W. H. Seale, Isabella Pollard, M. L. Brooks, Nettie Parks, C. J. Calloway, Ida Richburg, Fannie Moore, Annie Bowen; Misses Sarah Adams and T. C. Holt; and canned preserves and pickled fruit by Mesdames Sallie Baker, Carrie Baker, C. M. Philpot, and C. J. Calloway, showed marked improvement over other years.

Individual Booth

Special mention should be made of the neat and artistically arranged exhibit of Mr. Thomas Howard of Rising Star community. Some of the best fruit, corn (three varieties), 1st prize, \$15.00; Macedonia, one-fodder, oats, oat hay, cashaws, lima beans, potatoes, field peas (four varieties), and peanuts were found in this booth.

This booth was certainly worthy of emulation by individuals who plan to exhibit another year.

School and Community Booths

Rising Star community and school, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Campfield, teachers; Brownsville No. 1, Miss Edna Chappelle, teacher; Washington Model Training School and community, Miss Matilda Lasiter, teacher; Midway community; Ft. Hull community; Brownsville No. 2 community and school, Miss Alberta Sills, teacher; Goldust community and school, Miss Annie Walker, teacher; Children's House and Greenwood community; Russell Plantation school and community, Miss Amelia Brown, teacher; Macedonia school and community, Miss Ellen McCullough, teacher; Bethlehem school and community, Miss Carolin

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Horses and Mules Division Prize

Winners
R. S. Pompey, Charles Davis, Phil Bessic, C. J. Calloway, Patterson

The rate on Sept. 18 and 19 will be one fair plus 25¢ for the round trip and the excursion on Sept. 20th will be \$1.25 round trip.

The colored fair, 9-16-13
The Nelson County

COLORED FAIR

To be held at Bardstown, Ky.

September 12 and 13, 1913

Excursion Sept. 13th, \$1.00 round trip. Reduced rates on all Railroads. A Special Feature for each Day Programme.

ISAAC DUNCAN, Pres. DANIEL PEPPERS, Sec.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

COLORED FAIR

Will be held at the White Agricultural Fair Grounds

Springfield, Ky., Sept. 18, 19, 20

J. W. HUGHES, Pres. DANIEL GRUNDY, Sec

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Fairs - 1913

Colored A. and M. Fair Association Scores Big Success

Lexington Weekly
Greatest Fair in His-

History of the Organization

George Blanton, Henry Turner, T. Carter, Theodore Richardson, and Rev. Thomas Smith, was well represented but on account of busy times of late harvest could not turn out.

The Business Men of the city were under the charge of Messrs. George Washington, E. H. Reed, Henry Randolph, John Smith, Porter Jackson, Robert Phelps and

Local Press Comment

The A. and M. Fair Association judging by the appearance they opened its gates Tuesday, Sept. 9, must have worked night and day, with what has been conceded to be nearly every business in the city one of the best parades that has ever passed through the streets of this city and the committee in charge of this parade was complimented on every side.

The committeemen of the various departments labored hard to bring up their respective parts and whenever they found that their services were needed in another division they did not wait for orders but marched right to the front to do their best. We desire to especially mention the services rendered by Mr. Lucien Johnson and Mr. R. F. (Senator) Bell, both of whom can be depended upon when committee work or any thing else is placed in their hands to do their level best.

The division showing the Negro from Freedom to date was under the direction of Mr. R. F. Bell and was a success in every way. The Farmers' Division whose committee was composed of Messrs. Chas.

with memberships from seventy five to two hundred and fifty, not a single one turned out.

Prof. W. H. Fouse, Supervisor of the City Schools presented an interesting float, which represented the Colored City Schools. Prof. Fouse and his display have won quite a deal of favorable discussion.

The Uniform ranks were under the charge of Captains Sam McDonald and Captain Richard Curd, who had out their companies which added to the appearance of the parade.

The colored dairymen were well represented with nicely decorated wagons.

Captain Curds men did not turn out on this occasion as they should have and the prize was awarded to Logan Camp No. 9.

The Local Papers devoted much space to all phases of the Fair. An extract from each paper follows.

The first day of the colored A. & M. fair opened under the most favorable auspices the weather being bright and warm.

Tuesday's was the largest first day ever in the history of the association, according to those who are in a position to know.

The floral parade was the feature and so well pleased are the directors at the outcome that they are seriously thinking of making it a fixture.

Among the decorated carriages Porter and Jackson whose vehicle took the first prize and Williams and Reed carriage, were the subject of much favorable comment. There were also several automobiles in the parade whose decorations showed the work of skill hands. Some of these were The Lexington Weekly News, William Daugherty and Ernest Henderson and

George Jones. The News car was awarded the prize.

There were also several floats in line but the two which aroused the most interest were the "Farmer Review 1865" and the city school float. On the farmers a spinning wheel and sewing machine were placed with operators at each, while on the head of the float was strewn with burley tobacco leaves and straw.

A team of oxen under yoke also came in for considerable attention.

The Ninth O. N. G. Band of Columbus, Ohio, which headed the parade was applauded all along the line for their excellent music. This is one of the leading colored bands of the country and goes well wherever they appear.

Lexington Herald

The 44th Annual Fair opened Tuesday at noon with a brilliant industrial street parade, celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Negro emancipation. Beautifully decorated floats, carriages, automobiles, military drill companies were so featured as to show in miniature the history of the Negro progress during the fifty years of his freedom.

The famous Columbian band led the procession with Benjamin Franklin as Marshal. A yoke of oxen followed, the cart having broken down too late for repairs, was discarded; next a cart with the spinning wheel of the colonial days, contrasted with the sewing machine with a seamstress of to-day, next a farmer's carriage, followed by auto floats carrying directors of the Fair and other prominent Negroes.

The business interests represented were Porter & Jackson, whose decorated carriage was perhaps the best display in the line; Williams & Reed, undertakers, Tandy, the contractor and builder, George Washington, the tailor, Clark Pepper, the truck gardener, Miller the coal dealer, Elijah Lewis the expressman, and others.

Capt. Sam McDonald's drill company and Capt. Curd's K. of P. uniform rank of younger men.

The drill contest will be at the Fair grounds.

Professor W. H. Fouse, with a wag

on load of children, was in line displaying a sign announcing the opening of school on next Monday, September 15th.

In all the parade was highly creditable and will likely prove a splendid beginning for perhaps the most successful fair for many years.

Porter & Jackson received first prize for having the best display in the line, and Logan Camp No. 9, United Brethren, under Captain Sam McDonald, were given first prize in the drill contest.

Lexington Tribune

The great floral parade, the main feature of the first day, moved from Walnut street between Short and Constitution at 12:15 o'clock, headed by the Marshal of the day, Benjamin Franklin on the famous stallion Lightfoot. Hundreds of onlookers lined the way every foot of the journey from the starting point to the Fairgrounds, and all who saw the parade have nothing but praise for those who were the prime movers in the project.

Immediately following the marshal came the Ninth O. N. G. Band of Columbus, O. This great organization of musicians always covers itself with glory wherever heard, and this occasion proved no exception. There were many beautifully decorated floats, carriages and autos in the parade. Among these was the Lexington Weekly News automobile, which was decorated to typify the spirit of autumn, and was spoken of in terms of great praise.

The machines in which directors rode were also tastefully decorated and elicited favorable comment. Ernest Henderson and William Daugherty were also in a machine with which great care and good judgment had been used in draping.

Among the handsomely decorated carriages the Porter & Jackson vehicle was much in evidence. The color scheme used was pink and white with purple orchids.

Seldom are better decorated carriages seen anywhere, and certain it is that never on occasions of this kind have they been equaled. Williams & Reed excited gres-

admiration by the way in which they had their carriage fitted out. These two enterprising business men are always to be counted on, no matter what they are in.

Among the other carriages were Mrs. Luretta Bishop, hair dresser Blue Grass Cab Company, Cherault Tandy & Willis, liverymen, Joshua Black, confectioner.

Among the floats the "Farmers' Review, 1856" showing the progress made by the Negro in the last fifty years excited the most interest. On this float was a spinning wheel operated by one who has been an adept at that business for many years, and a sewing machine of the latest pattern. The bed of the float was strewn with straw and tobacco leaves. City schools in charge of Professor Fouse; Robert Bates, paper hanger; George Washington, tailor; W. L. Lewis, dairyman; Clark Pepper, truck gardener; John Spencer, farm products; Deice Miller, coal.

The two military camps in line were Logan Camp No. 9 K. of T. and the Industrial Company K. U. R. K. of P., and both made a superb appearance. Both companies are prize winners at recent encampments

Lexington Leader